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DISCHARGE OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE INTO RIVERS
Subbarayan Shri K.

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of industrial waste discharged into the rivers Ganga and Yamuna; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to check untreated discharge of industrial waste into the rivers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 188 to be answered on Wednesday, the 28th November, 2007 on "Discharge of Industrial Waste into Rivers" raised by Shri K. Subbarayan.

(a) According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), an estimated quantum of 365 million litre and 149 million litre of Industrial wastes are discharged everyday in Ganga and Yamuna rivers respectively by the Grossly Polluting Industries.

(b) The measures taken by the Government to check the industrial pollution into the rivers include the following:

i) Notification of Industry specific standards, promoting setting up of Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) by industrial units , encouraging waste minimization through adoption of clean technology, recycling & re-use of treated effluent, conducting regular environmental monitoring & surveillance through the CPCB, State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs).

ii) Stipulation of conditions for pollution control, mitigation and monitoring for the industrial projects requiring environmental clearance.

iii) Identification of Grossly Polluting Industries discharging into rivers by the concerned SPCBs and PCCs and ensuring compliance of prescribed effluent discharge standards. Action is taken against the defaulting units as per the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

iv) Undertaking centrally sponsored scheme with financial assistance for enabling the small scale industries (SSI) to set-up new Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) for their wastes & upgrading the existing ones.

v) Adoption of the Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection (CREP) for 17 categories of polluting industries and its implementation through various task forces.

vi) Strengthening capacity of National and State Level Institutions for effective environmental regulation, improved enforcement for pollution prevention and improved industrial compliance.